

GO Bond Voters' Pamphlet Statement



Voter approval is required for the issuance of up to \$10.8 million in general obligation bonds for land acquisition and to construct, furnish and equip a new police and court facility.

A site analysis was conducted and several sites in West Linn were evaluated based on cost, availability, accessibility and functionality factors. Based on the findings from this research, a location on Parker Road was selected for the proposed police and court facility.

The existing police station was constructed in 1936. The building is not earthquake resistant, and the emergency exit from the second floor of the building is a wooden fire escape over the dumpsters. The City owns the footprint of the existing building but not the surrounding land or parking lot thus, there is no parking and no room to expand on the existing site. There is inadequate evidence storage, technology wiring is exposed, and replacement parts for the building's boiler must be reconditioned from demolished buildings because the boiler's parts are no longer sold in stores.

The proposed facility would be designed for modern technological, staffing and community needs. The proposed facility would meet the latest earthquake and safety standards, and serve as the City's Emergency Operations Center when needed. The proposed facility would be constructed to the LEED Gold standard and would offer space for community gatherings. The proposed facility would be designed to meet policing, court and community needs for the next 30 years.

The proposed general obligation bonds would result in the property tax levy rate to increase approximately 29 cents per thousand of assessed value, or about \$30 per year for every \$100,000 of assessed value. For a home in West Linn with a real market value of \$285,000 and an assessed value of \$200,000, the estimated annual increase in property taxes would be approximately \$60 per year for twenty years, or \$5 per month.

In addition to this ballot measure, the West Linn City Council has also submitted for the May 18, 2010 election two related but separate ballot measures. One ballot measure would annex 7.5-acres of real property located at 3332 and 3151 Parker Road. The other ballot measure would authorize the sale of a portion of Sunset Park to the West Linn/Wilsonville School District. Voter approval is required for each of the ballot measures.

If the three ballot measures are approved, the City would:

- Sell a portion of Sunset Park to the West Linn/Wilsonville School District so Sunset Primary School could be replaced at its current location;
- Purchase the Parker Road property being annexed; and

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- Construct a new police and court facility on a portion of the annexed property.

Voters can learn more about this ballot measure online at <http://westlinnoregon.gov>.

- [Police Station Ballot Measures](#)

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